

IV. REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. By this amendment, the title, and claims 1-29 have been amended. The amendment and the remarks are being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the objections and rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

With regard to the title, Applicants revised the title according to the Office's suggestion.

With regard to claims 2-9, 11-19 and 21-29, the revisions were made merely to correct grammatical errors. Applicants submit that those revisions do not affect the patentability of the claimed subject matter.

In the Office Action, claims 1-8, 10-15, 17, 18, 20-25, 27 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Stephens, Jr. (US 6,636,853 B1); claims 9, 16, 19, 26 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Stephens, Jr. in view of Brandli et al. (US 5,701,469). Applicants submit that the pending claims are allowable and thus respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Applicants first note that in the Office Action, claim 16 was doubly listed in the rejection under §103(a). *See* Office Action at page 8. Applicants assume that the Office confused claim 16 and claim 26 and Applicants made the amendment and argument with that assumption, although Applicants request clarification regarding this point of confusion.

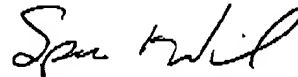
With respect to claims 1, 10 and 20, Stephens, Jr. fails to disclose each and every claimed feature and therefore does not anticipate the claimed invention. The present invention discloses, *inter alia*, “selecting a control based on whether the nature of the stored information meets a threshold set for the nature[.]” as recited in claims 1, 10 and 20. Applicants submit that Stephens does not disclose, *inter alia*, this feature of the current invention. Stephens discloses a method to categorize information retrieved. *See generally* col. 8, lines 11-35. In Stephens, the groups, subgroups and the information under such groups and subgroups are displayed separately. *See Id.* In this case, the user interacts with the Stephens system (method) to choose the group of information needed. *See generally* col. 8, lines 36-55. The Stephens system does not do anything regarding the nature of the information. There is no threshold set for the nature of the information retrieved in Stephens. In Stephens, there is also no disclosure of selecting a control based on whether the nature of the information retrieved meets a threshold.

Stephens discloses width and height of a block, which provides a clue of the size of information contained in the clock for a user to determine (guess) whether the block contains the piece of information he/she needs. *See* col. 9, lines 21-31. However, there is no threshold about either the width or the height of a block in Stephens, and the system does not select a control based on the width or the height of a block. The width and height of a block in Stephens only gives a user some clue to decide whether to “click” on the button to choose this block. *See* col. 8, lines 36-55 and col. 8, lines 21-31. In view of the foregoing, the current invention is distinctive to Stephens. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Claims 2-9 are dependent upon claim 1, claims 10-19 are dependent upon claim 10 and claims 21-29 are dependent upon claim 20. Applicants submit that those dependent claims are allowable for the same reasons stated above, as well as for their own additional features.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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